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Title: Rating general practitioner consultation performance in cancer care: does the specialty of assessors matter? A simulated consult study

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Dear Dr Morawska,

Please be advised that, using the web-based peer-review system, a manuscript entitled, ‘Rating general practitioner consultation performance in cancer care: does the specialty of assessors matter? A simulated study’ has been uploaded. Please accept it as a candidate for publication in the esteemed, BMC Family Practice. This manuscript has been prepared in accordance with the journal guidelines. As such, it has not been previously published or submitted for review elsewhere.

For three key reasons, this manuscript would make an important contribution to the JMRM. First, to the authors’ knowledge, this is the first paper to investigate whether the discipline of assessors of GP consultations affects the ratings given. Second, patient outcomes are an increasingly important measure in general practice and consultation performance is often used to determine this measure. Third, the manuscript presents clear implications for clinical practice as well as future research.

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Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the *BMC Family Practice*. My co-authors and I look forward to your reply in regard to this submission.

Regards,

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